

VARIETIES.

WHY are the young ladies of Missouri so sweet? Because they are Mo. lasses.

THE quickest way to make eye-water is to run your nose against a lamp-post.

POKER SHARPE says his wife is equal to five "fulls"—beauti-ful, duti-ful, arm-ful, youth-ful, and awful!

WHEN young men die they are sup-posed to go right up. Per contra, down-right rascals are supposed to go right down.

ASA FITCH, Batchelor, has gone dead in Connecticut, leaving five millions of dollars. Selfish old boy—might have supported a wife and mother-in-law handsomely on half the money.

"How many a poor fellow," said Mr. Quip, yesterday, "has returned from the watering places to confess his hav-ing been sadly miss-led, if not absolute-mis-taken."

QUERY.—How may a person distin-guish a prominent Missouri Senator from certain domestic animals?

ANS.—The first is (B. Gratz) Brown; the latter, big brown rats.

COMICAL BLUNDER.—A Columbus (Ohio) paper, in an account of the Per-ry celebration at Cleveland, says: "The procession was very fine, and nearly two miles in length, as was also the prayer of Dr. Berry, the Chaplain."

WOMAN is like ivy—the more you are ruined the closer she elings to you. A vile bachelor adds: "Ivy is like women—the more it clings to you, the more you are ruined." Poor rule that won't work both ways.

GOING TO THE DEVIL.—"Did you present your account to the defendant?" inquired a lawyer of his client. "I did, sir." "And what did he say?" "He told me to go to the devil." "And what did you do then?" "Why, then I came to you."

A Greenhorn, standing by a sewing-machine, at which a young lady was at work, looking alternately at the machine and its fair operator, at length gave vent to his admiration with—"By golly, 'tis purty"—specially the part covered with caliker!

A Barrister having wearied the Court by a long and dull argument, the Judge suggested the expediency of his bring-ing it to a close. "I shall speak as long as I please," he replied, angrily. "You have spoken longer than you please al-ready," retorted the Judge.

A Clergyman of Meridian, Conn., preached recently from the text, "Adam, where art thou?" and divided his text into three parts—first, all men are some-where; second, some are where they ought not to be; and third, unless they mend their ways they will find them-selves where they'd rather not be.

AN Irishman stepped into the post office at S—, and inquired for a letter from the "ould country," giving his name. The letter was produced. "Read her," says Pat. The obliging Postmaster read her. "Read her again." Postmaster read her again. "How much on her?" "Thirteen cents." "Keep her," says Pat; "she's none of mine."

GLUE LAKE.—Dr. Matthews informs us that there has been a small lake dis-covered in this county from which pure glue has been taken. But little has been said about it as yet, but he prom-ises to give us an account of it, in which he will speak more definitely.

The above item is taken from the Clear Lake Times, published at Lake-port, Lake county, California. A friend of the Placer Herald says this discovery is nothing compared to the recent dis-covery on the line of the Pacific Rail-road, of a spring of "fine pure mush and milk."—[Exchange.]

RATHER RIPE.—It used to be the custom for planters at the South to purchase clothing for their slaves by the wholesale, and as, of course, they had no opportunity to examine closely each article, they were sometimes swindled by a few bad ones thrown in among the good. An acquaintance of ours tells us that on one occasion he laid in a box of shoes, and distributed them among the negroes. A few days afterwards, "Old Bob," a faithful servant, found that the shoes had fallen to his lot were bursting out. So, going to his master, he said:

"Massa, where you buy dese shoes?"

"I bought them in New Orleans, Bob," remarked our friend.

"Well, whar do de New Orleans people buy 'em?"

"They bought them from the Yan-kees."

"Well, whar do de Yankees git 'em?" persisted the negro.

"The Yankees? Why they pick them off the trees, Bob."

"W-w-w well," responded the darkey, holding up his shoes, "I reck'n de Yan-kee didn't pick dis pair soon enough, massa: I reck'n he waited till-till-till dey was a little too ripe."

Bee Keeping.

If a man engages in bee-keeping with the idea that he shall make a fortune, he will simply be disappointed. Tens of thousands are disappointed yearly. They are led to investments in bees, be-cause some one swarm or more has re-alized great profits. These are acci-dents, just as large pumpkins, and extra crops, in favorable seasons are. We must not calculate on general principles from mere accidents, for these are the exceptions.

Bee-keeping is profitable to a certain extent, that extent depending, like other things, much upon the manner in which it is conducted. According to the statis-tics, bees are worth about four dol-lars per swarm, that they realize a profit making them worth that. This is the experience of the world, as bee-keeping generally runs. Some cases are more successful. Each one, in engaging in bee-keeping, intends to be this suc-cessful case—yet he turns out with the ordinary profit. He stands just as much chance to lose as to make. The proba-bility is, that with the usual care he will have the usual moderate profits. Were it not so, and bee-keeping were the pro-fitable things these enthusiasts imagine, everybody would engage in the business. Be not deceived; bee-keeping is mod-erately profitable when fairly treated. So is hen-keeping. So is anything which people magnify to great highs—to be let down after trying. With moderate expectations and proper treat-ment, any of the departments of life can be made remunerative.

We will here mention one of the prin-ciple things in bee keeping. Never en-gage in bees—at least largely—in a neighborhood where they are already largely kept, as the pasture, so to speak, is cropped short. There is but a cer-tain quantity of honey in each locality. Exhaust this, which is done by a large stock of bees, and there will be little to get. A new country is generally favor-able to bees; but any country where there is much bloom and few bees. In a locality crowded with bees, keep at most but few swarms, as they will ex-haust the honey in their immediate neighborhood. You will get the same honey that you would if you had a large number of swarms, in which case the large number of swarms among which the honey is divided, would not pay in-come on the amount invested. The fields are a pasture for bees as well as cattle, and they must not be overstock-ed.—[Rural World.]

Selecting Seed Corn.

The best time, practically, to select seed corn, is when husking. Each ear of corn then passes separately through the husker's hands. He has leisure to examine and choose. The size and length of the stalk, together with the number of ears on it, are seen at a glance. He can likewise judge of the earliness of the corn, its soundness and other qualities. The best way to save such ears as are deemed suitable, is to break them from the stalk, so as to leave most of the husk attached to the lower end of the ear. The ears should then be collected together, and braded by the husk in strings of convenient weight, and then hung on a pole under cover, in a dry, still atmosphere.

Seed corn should never be suffered to become soaked with water from rain or other causes. Ears that have been wet, before husking, should never be saved for seed, however perfect in other re-spects. Wetting and drying weakens the power of germination, and if very wet late in the season, they are liable to be frozen in that condition, and the germ destroyed entirely. If dry, sound ears are saved and kept as we have de-scribed above, there is no danger of hav-ing to "plant over" from defective seed.

In selecting seed corn it is well to keep in view all the good qualities you desire to perpetuate. Purity of the vari-ety, small cob easily broken in husk-ing, plump, thick-set kernels, regular-ity of rows, length of ear, and a small, well filled top, are good characteristics. Look to the seed corn, it pays. It takes but little extra care and labor, and next spring you will feel no anxiety about your seed.—[Rural New Yorker.]

Management of Cream in Winter.

For some reason not yet known cream skimmed from milk in cold weather does not come to butter, when churned, so quickly as that from the same cow in warm weather. Perhaps the pelicles, which form the little sacks of butter in the cream are thicker and tougher. There are two methods of obviating this trouble in a great degree. One is to set the pan of milk on the stove, or in some warm place, as soon as strained, and let it remain until quite warm—some say until a bubble or two rises, or until a skim of cream begins to form on the surface. Another method recom-mended, is to add a table spoonful of salt to a quart of cream when it is skim-med. Cream thus prepared will gener-ally come to butter in a few minutes when churned. It is thought the salt acts upon the coating of the butter glo-bules and makes them tender, so that they break readily when beaten by churning.

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